

Fillmore, Ill 62032
March 2, 2016

FCC 16-41
Washington DC.

Dear Sir,

Our family members are
very concerned about news
of RFD TV station being
taken off the air. We watch
the station on DISH.

We enjoy all of the programs
offered.

We don't believe that these
programs are available on
other stations.

Please leave "our" RFD
on the air.

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Yours truly
Russell & Helen

Mertinca
509 N Main St
Fillmore, IL 62032

5-3-16

I am writing concerning the independent channels especially RFD TV. I am a widow - 88 yrs old - 75% of my television viewing is RFD. I am appalled at all the TV is showing. Crime - sex - murder and the advertising is disgusting. What a pleasure it is to turn on RFD and there is none of that filth on that station.

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It is no wonder our young people are so mixed up and in trouble. They think that is the way you are suppose to live.

Thank God there are people like Patrick Gotsch who still believes in decency

I have Charter Cable

Shirley Wascher
309 West 7th Ave.
Cheyenne, Wyo
82001



3-4-16

Dear RFD T.V.

Please don't take RFD T.V. away from us Senior Citizen. I am 82 year old lived on a farm all my life that TV Show is the Life I've lived

I love all the Music Shows Molly B Polka, Weather, Grain Market, Cattle, Horse, Shows F.F.A. Plus all the rest.

FGE # 16-41 Rural American Dist T.V.

Please leave our Station on the air.

Thank you

Sally A. Behrends

1439E 2000 one

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Feb. 27th 2016

Dear Staff;
Just a letter to let you know
~~how~~ I feel please keep your RFD
station on there so many musical
shows on, on Saturday and
Sunday nights for us seniors
to watch, they are so good like
Mollie B., Marty Stewart, Bill Anderson
show, and from Sanborn ^{minn.} Western
show so musical, Big John, such
a musical station for us, I am
a dancer, and I love to see those
people dance, so please keep that
station on for us older people
to watch. Thank you.

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(Please keep
station on.)

Yours truly

Viola Gerdes

Worthington, Minn.

56187-2692

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Regard Rural + Senior Citizen Programs

Lois M. Hartnett

PO Box 300

Farleville MA 21919

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Provider Director

I am a 75 year old widow who watches RFD TV 80% of the time. I watch all the Bluegrass and Country Music Shows, Larry's Country Dinner, Country Family Reunion, Ray Stevens Nashville, Big Joe Polka Party, Jimmy Sturr Polka Show, Mollie B Polka Party, Texas Country Reporter, Rodeos, etc. You do not find these shows on other channels. Please keep RFD TV on the air. I will probably cancel my provider if they take RFD TV off the air.

Director has dropped a lot of my favorite shows, I can't get local channels but my rate I pay per month keeps going up

Gentlemen,

We very much enjoy RFD TV
please don't ever take it from
us. It is the main Channel
we watch. We would be lost
without it. So many people
we know would also be
devastated without it. It is
good clean programming which
we need more of.

Thank You and
God Bless

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William + Emily
Hoover



Dear F.C.C. - # 16-41



My name is John Eperthener

My address is 486 Franklin Rd.
Haver, Pa. 16137

Phone # 724-662-3355

We need station RFD TV badly, people that live in towns, don't have any idea of what goes on out here on the farm. They think all there is to food is, "Get it at the grocery store".

This station is valuable to farmers like us. We get the grain & stock prices, we get updates on sprays.

They also have a variety of programs that we enjoy.

Thank you for your help.

John Eperthener
Ma Mae Eperthener



FCC

o/b RFD-TV

44 Music Square West

Nashville, TN 37203

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Dear FCC # 16-41

From: Robert Lee Hays

5176 State Route "N"

Camden, MO 65789-9107

I watch RFD-TV on Direct-TV

Channel 345. Along with me, my wife

Blacks watches as well.

We love RFD-TV because of the good family
and Christian values. Whether the programs are
live or Re-Runs. Since I am a Two Farm owner
I also watch the farm reports and weather reports.

RFD-TV is played at least 50% of the
week long day and always at night or weekend
until bedtime. We would be greatly hurt and
disappointed if this channel was cancelled.
Please do not shut down RFD-TV.

Yed Bless

Robert Lee Hays

Mr / Mrs / Darby R. Hays

MARCH 3 2016

DEAR FCC #16-41

\IN REFERENCE TO THE NOTICE ON OUR TELEVISION, WE ARE REQUESTING THAT YOU
DO NOT DROP **RFD TV** FROM OUR PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE....WE GREATLY
OPPOSE THIS ACTION...WE ARE IN THE SENIOR VIEWING GROUP...WATCHING GOOD
PROGRAMMING IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR LIFE AT THIS TIME...WE HAVE
VERY LITTLE CHOICES IN THE TELEVISION PROGRAMS THESE DAYS AND **RFD TV**
IS PLEASANT TO WATCH MOST OF THE TIME...

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION,

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WE ARE WATCHING RFD TV ON DIRECT TV IN TILLMAN CO, FREDERICK OKLAHOMA

ROY PERKINS

Roy Perkins
604 SUNSET DR FREDERICK OK 73542 PHONE: 580-385-5345

Jersey Shore Farm Market
Edward and Geraldine Snook
PO Box 84
Antes Fort, PA 17720

March 1, 2016

FCC c/o RFD TV
49 Music Row
Nashville, TN 37203

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RE: Docket No. 16 - 41

Dear FCC Members:

We are very concerned that the independent TV networks are being systematically eliminated from the marketplace by the TV industry moguls: Comcast, Time-Warner, and Verizon.

The Weather Channel is our source of "up to the minute" weather for our small rural village.

As farmers, RFD-TV is our lifeline. Their programming is so very helpful to us and our operation, and it cannot be found on any other channel. The "Market Day Report" and "Ag PHD" and "RFD Live" are just some of the many programs we watch regularly. This information needs to be on satellite and on cable in the cities and all urban areas in America. People need to know where their food actually comes from and what is involved to produce it.

Instead of building a wall between urban and rural Americans, TV should be uniting our Country's citizens so that we can understand each other's way of life.

Again, independent TV networks are critical to our country. Both rural and urban people deserve to have the choice of the programming they receive and view. Please demand that Comcast, Verizon, and Time-Warner add and/or keep these independent networks on their systems.

Thank you for attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,


Edward Snook and 
Geraldine Snook

2/24/16

FCC

C/O RFD-TV

Re: 16-41

Mr Patrick Gottsch

49 Music Square West

Suite 103

Nashville, TN 37203

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To Whom It May Concern:

As in previous letters, we are again writing, addressing the deletion of independent channels.

We, as Danians, would be very upset & disappointed that the FCC would even entertain the idea of removing the independent channels from our viewing. The RFD-TV channel is the best there is. It is the most wholesome, morally acceptable, informative & entertaining channel on TV. Next in line are the Blue Nite Day & Weather channel.

Why are all the urban-based executives trying to discriminate against the rural population? After all, none of them could even survive without the unselfish, relentless & dedicated efforts of all our farmers in our country.

What would the whole country do without the bounty provided by our farmers? They depend on all the agriculture information; everything on the cattle, pork, poultry & other meat industries provided to them by RFD-TV, also reports on all commodities, market reports, etc.

RFD-TV also has the best entertainment programs, bar none! We enjoy them tremendously!

Another thing, it is totally unfair that some viewers have to pay another fee (\$10-\$12) when RFD-TV has been added to the Sports Channel. So many Seniors are on a fixed income & have to pay enough for even the smallest priced package & just cannot afford another added fee.

This is absolutely Un-American. We are all Americans, dedicated to help our fellow citizens & promote the general welfare for our Country. Please adhere to our Constitution & our Allegiance for all concerned.

If this matter is not resolved in a positive manner for our sake, we have no other alternative but to cancel our cell phone service provided by & powered by Verizon.

Please search your hearts and consider all of the lives affected by this problem. We trust that you will make the right decision.

Sincerely,
Mrs Jewel Johns
2396 Kelly Rd.
Quitman, La. 71268

16-41

Feb. 25, 2016

Re: Independent Programing for RFD TV
FCC web site - 16-41 Tom Wheeler

To Whom It May Concern:

- I reside in lower & upper Michigan !
- I have satellite tv !
- I watch RFD TV every day !
- RFD TV has 'quality' programs !
unlike those offered by cable networks (garbage)
- Some of the excellent programs are listed below:
 - All the agriculture programs
 - Hidden Heritage
 - Mich Magazine
 - Texas Country Reporter
 - Trains & Locomotives
 - Midwest Country
 - Ray Stevens Nashville
 - Dailey Vincent Show
 - Jimmy Sturr
 - Mollie B Polka
 - Polka Bands (Big Joe)
 - Virginia Dreams
 - Weather channel
 - Farm Journal + Farm Report

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Sincerely,

Betty Quain



FCC - 16-41

It seems that each year over "hyped ups" in the media world takes away another bite of decent programs.

This latest removal from Verizon is more serious than dropping RFD-TV. If we continue to allow individuals to choose only programs they think necessary, we are going to have a media that brings no decent programming at all. Eventually there will be nothing worth watching.

Someone needs to look at the bigger picture and stop this nonsense. Please — help the country by taking steps now before we're completely down the drain!

Respectfully -

Hazel Remmerschnide

Jimmie D Gregory
2935 Galen Road
Lafayette, TN 37083

To: FCC
From: Jimmie D Gregory
RE: Proceeding 16-41

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I watch RFD every day. My TV subscription is through North Central Communications. This channel is extremely important to me and my wife. It is a rare channel which provides only wholesome, family oriented programming. They have many entertaining and informative shows that we watch on a regular basis. We enjoy old time country music, bluegrass and gospel. We also enjoy rodeos, Pam Minick's draft horse show- Gentle Giants, older farm tractor auctions, classic tractor fever and many other shows. We also like to see the evening rural news. RFD's program lineup is well rounded and appropriate for people of high moral standards who do not wish to watch shows containing sex, violence and vulgarity. As senior citizens, we truly appreciate this.

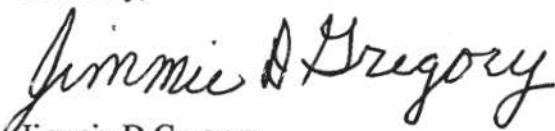
Unfortunately, in order to get RFD, we had to subscribe to a "bundle" which includes a very large number of sports channels. For the most part, these simply do not interest us - the only exception being NASCAR races. If we were no longer able to get RFD, we would cancel our TV service and go back to other means to get only the local stations so that we could see the area news each morning and evening. Other than that, the TV would rarely be turned on. When we are approached by cable companies recruiting new subscribers, our first statement is always, "If you don't carry RFD this conversation is over before it starts."

Independent TV stations are very important. RFD, especially, brings city and country together. We were both raised on farms and enjoy seeing the programs related to the "old days" of farming. We also enjoy watching shows concerning modern farming which are obviously beneficial to today's farmers. City dwellers can learn more about where their food comes from and the process of getting it to the table. There are also many urban residents who like horses as well as old time country, bluegrass and polka music.

It is absolutely essential that the small independent TV programming be protected. We can't allow the bigger stations to push them out. Independent stations such as RFD provide the only truly decent programs currently available on television.

I sincerely appreciate your diligent attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Jimmie D Gregory.

Dear FCC

Proceeding # 16-41

I watch RFD TV on DirectTV. I have watched it for many, many years and had also watched the Rural Channel when we with Dish Network.

I grew up on a farm and my wife and I owned a 30⁺ acre farm for over 40 years and raised Crops and beef cattle. We had to sell the farm ~~at~~ this past year due to failing health problems.

We enjoy all the programming on RFTV, especially the music programs, Tractor Sales, and Farm related programs, rodeos and market reports.

We ask you to please keep the option open for DirectTV and Dish network to continue airing the RFD programming.

Thank you

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Darwin G. Apple

1432 Main St

McAllisterville, Pa 17049

717-463-2035

PS: We watch RFD TV 95% of the time.

Darwin G Apple

2-25-16

FCC Proceeding Number 16-41

% RFD-TV

49 Music Square West

Nashville, TN 37203

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Dear FCC, Proceeding Number 16-41

We watch RFD TV on Dish 500. We like the variety of information. Plus sports, Country Music, Gospel, Markets, Farming and more. It keeps us up to date in Agriculture. We live in the rural Area, so we like what RFD-TV has on.

Sincerely,

George And Alma Keeling

60101 E 210 Rd

Fairland, OK 74343

Phone # 918-674-3407

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Kathy Murphy
13234 curda Park Rd
Valga, wva 26238

16-41

Dear ones to whom I consent,
RFD Channel FCC Co RFD
44 Music Square West
Nashville Tenn. 37203

I am writing you to (Please)
Let us ~~to~~ keep our (Channel RFD)
It is the valuable Channel
that has ever been. Int v to all
us elderly people, the farmers Port
in RFD of the 44 Port for our
young people. RFD is so
important to all & is shutter
who can't get out come live
set in front of our TV. Its
a great blessing to our many
people in nursing homes
It will be a tragedy in
Gods sight to take RFD
from people who consider
RFD their greatest
enjoyment. RFD is
such a clean & interesting
Channel for the children
& elderly & everyone period

Also the Knowledge they get
forth for gardens & flowers
& House Hold hints & Better
ways to Care for all kind of
Animals also other recipes
& So many good Health Hints
for everyone.

I know its the best Channel yet
& I pray every day that
(Version) will get beat by all.
(I am with Night TV)
& have been for a long time
& I am in my Seventies & love
RFD so much. There are so
many elderly people in this
Valley I bet you who truly support
the battle for RFD.
I know I would not watch any
TV at all if ~~not~~ ~~not~~ RFD
I watch RFD almost every
day along with all my
chores to do I look forward
to RFD every morning &
through out the day I am
a widow & like many others
It would be a terrible thing to any

us who would love it

My Prayer is God bless you
& help us all to keep
Beautiful RFD It's the gift
God Bless you ^{But try to look}
forward too

Kathy Murphy

13234 Aurora Park Rd
Galge WVA 26238